

D1 1 2. (AMENDED) The method of claim 1, further comprising encoding
2 the combined audio data stream before receipt by the CODEC.

19. (TWICE AMENDED) A method to combine diversely encoded data
streams, comprising:
receiving a first data stream in a first compressed format;
decoding the first data stream into an uncompressed format;
obtaining a second data stream in the uncompressed format; and
combining the decoded first data stream with the second data
stream for receipt by a CODEC device.

1 20. (AMENDED) The method of claim 19, further comprising encoding
2 the combined data stream into a second compressed format before receipt by
3 the CODEC device.

D3 1 23. (AMENDED) The method of claim 19, wherein the compressed
2 format comprises a MPEG format.
